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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 22 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 5th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/52/1) [10].

2. Opening of the general debate [9]:

   Brazil

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America.

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

A ministerial meeting of the Security Council will be held on Thursday, 25 September 1997, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, to consider "The situation in Africa".

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (Room S-3670).

4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark

   Address by His Excellency The Honourable Major-General Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka, Prime Minister, Minister with Special Responsibility for the Constitution Review and Minister for Regional Development and Multi-Ethnic Affairs of the Republic of Fiji

   United Republic of Tanzania

   Chile

3 p.m.	6th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua.
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonid D. Kuchma, President of Ukraine.
3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

   Norway

   South Africa

   Czech Republic

   Georgia

   Islamic Republic of Iran

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

* Following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II
2. Financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations: Arbitration of disputes involving the United Nations (A/51/903)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board will hold a workshop on "Narrowing the Focus: UNDP Core Development Services" on Monday, 22 September 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 22 September 1997

RIO GROUP

9 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a closed meeting of the Presidents of Central America with the President of Paraguay on Monday, 22 September 1997, from 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

GROUP OF 15

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 September 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings from 1 to 19 September will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226), and thereafter in Conference Room E.

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
(on the revised draft ministerial communiqué)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 7th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Forné Molné, Prime Minister of the Principality of Andorra

Togo

Luxembourg

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Russian Federation

Latvia

Nigeria

3 p.m. 8th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Juan Carlos Wasmosy, President of the Republic of Paraguay.

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Japan

   Finland

   Netherlands

   Portugal

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alvaro Arzú Irigoyen, President of the Republic of Guatemala.

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. José María Figueres Olsen, President of the Republic of Costa Rica.

5. Address by His Excellency Dr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador.

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Carlos Roberto Reina Idiaquez, President of the Republic of Honduras.

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp, with agenda item 102 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; telefax: 212-963-5935).

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Lists of speakers

The first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will take place in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997.

The high-level segment will be held on 7 and 8 and in the morning of 9 October 1997. Statements in this segment will be open to Heads of State or government, ministers and heads of delegation of the States participating in the first session of the Conference of the Parties. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the high-level segment is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: 963-5742; fax: 963-5935 (from Thursday, 25 September, in Rome, tel.: 570-50346)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Presentation

An informal presentation, by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 29 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will include: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn's presentation at the Annual Meetings in Hong Kong (video); and a brief discussion of the World Bank's Annual Report for 1997. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief non-governmental organizations on Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Item 160

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Nicaragua, the Philippines and El Salvador.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Guatemala, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Guatemala made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 161

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Pakistan, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 162

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Allocations of items (Section V)

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401, paragraph 5 of the annex to Assembly resolution 39/88 B, paragraph 6 of the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45 and paragraphs 2 and 5 (b) and (d) of annex I to Assembly resolution 48/264 concerning the allocation and clustering of items.

Item 157

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 157 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee as a sub-item of the item 148.

Item 158

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 158 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 160

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 160 should be considered directly in the plenary meeting.

Item 162

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 162 should be considered directly in the plenary meeting.

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it hear a brief presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the organization on Monday, 22 September, as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggested allocation of various parts of the report of the Economic and Social Council, as contained in paragraph 49 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that all the chapters of the report of the Special Committee relating to specific Territories should be referred to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), so that the General Assembly might deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 48 should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

Question of Cyprus

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 61 should be allocated at an appropriate time during the session.

Disarmament/IAEA report

The General Committee decided to recommend that the paragraphs of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency dealing with the subject matter of item 71 should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of that item.

Advancement of women

The General Committee decided, regarding item 107, to recommend that the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 101 of the draft agenda.

Joint Inspection Unit

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 120 of the draft agenda (Joint Inspection Unit) should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject matters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

Plenary items

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, the United States, Mexico, Slovakia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba.

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation including items 160 and 162 and excluding item 61.

First Committees items

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of the items.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation, taking into account its decision on the item entitled "Questions of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India", and its decision on the item entitled "Question of East Timor".

Second Committee

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of the items.

Third Committee

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of the items.

Fifth Committee

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of the items.

Sixth Committee

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of the items, including item 158 and under item 148 the additional sub-item entitled "Draft guiding principles for international negotiation".

Friday, 19 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

4th plenary meeting

Organization of work of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocations of the items: first report of the General Committee (A/52/250) [8]

The General Assembly considered the first report of the General Committee circulated in document A/52/250.

Introduction (Section I)

Organization of the session (Section II)

Observations on the organization of future sessions of the General Assembly (Section III)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions and approved the recommendations contained in Sections I, II and III of the report of the General Committee.

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)

The President of the General Assembly recalled rule 23 of the rules of procedures.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 40, that it would direct its Main Committees to review their agenda with a view to streamlining their programme of work.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 41, that the consideration of item 94 be deferred to the fifty-third session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 42, that the consideration of item 95 be deferred to the fifty-third session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 43 to include item 157 as a sub-item of item 148.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 44 to include item 158.

In paragraph 45, the General Assembly was informed that the General Committee had decided not to recommend the inclusion of item 159.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 46 to include item 160.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 47 to include item 162.

Inclusion of items

The General Assembly then proceeded to consider the agenda recommended for adoption by the General Committee in paragraph 48 of its report (A/52/250).

Items 1 to 6

The General Assembly took note of the fact that items 1 to 6 had already been acted upon in plenary meeting and their inclusion approved.

Item 7 to 158

The General Assembly approved the inclusion in the agenda of items 7 to 158.

Allocation of the items (Section V)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 49 of the report of the General Committee (A/52/250).

The President of the General Assembly recalled that the item numbers mentioned in subsequent paragraphs referred to the agenda which appeared in paragraph 48 of the report.

In regard to item 10, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (a) (i).

In regard to item 18, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (a) (ii).

In regard to item 48, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (a) (iii).

In regard to item 61, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (a) (iv).

In regard to item 156, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (a) (v).

In regard to item 158, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (a) (vi).

In regard to item 71, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (b).

In regard to item 105, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (c).

In regard to item 118, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (d).

In regard to item 146 (c), the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (e) (i).

In regard to item 155, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 (e) (ii).

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of the items listed in paragraph 51 for consideration directly in the plenary meeting.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France and Swaziland.

Taking into account the decisions just adopted the General Assembly approved the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 51 for the First Committee, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Committees.

The President made a statement.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of officers

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), as Vice-Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Rae Kwon Chung (Republic of Korea) was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur.

The election of one Vice-Chairman was postponed.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it document A/C.2/52/L.1 and L.1/Add.1.

The Chief of the Documentation Programming and Monitoring Section gave the Committee additional information regarding the status of documentation, as contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1/Add.1.

The Secretary of the Committee made oral amendments to the programme of work, as contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77), Cuba, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States and Papua New Guinea.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to questions raised.

The Committee then approved the programme of work, as orally revised, with the understanding that additional changes could be made during the course of the Committee's deliberations.

THIRD COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

A statement was made by the representative of Canada.

The Chairperson made a statement.

Election of officers

The Committee elected by acclamation Mr. Choe Myong Nam (Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea) and Mr. Karim Wissa (Egypt) as Vice-Chairpersons and Ms. Monica Martinez (Ecuador) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairperson drew the Committee's attention to the relevant recommendations contained in document A/52/250, as well as the proposed organization of work (document A/C.3/52/L.1), the status of documentation before the Committee (document A/C.3/52/L.1/Add.1) and General Assembly resolution 50/206C on control and limitation of documentation.

Following a suspension of the meeting, the Committee approved its programme of work for the session, as contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1.

The Committee agreed to set the following time limits for statements in the general discussion: 7 minutes for statements by individual delegations and 15 minutes for spokespersons of groups of delegations. It was also agreed that this time limit would apply to the Secretariat.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401 regarding interventions in exercise of the right of reply and points of order.

The Committee decided to extend invitations to a number of Special Rapporteurs and Representatives to present their reports to the Committee at the present session under agenda item 110 (c).

The representative of Luxembourg made a statement on behalf of the European Union.

Delegations were informed that the list of speakers was open for all items and that they should inscribe at the earliest possible date with the Secretary of the Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of the Vice-Chairmen

The Committee elected, by acclamation, H.E. Ms. Nazareth A. Incera (Costa Rica) and Professor Erica-Irene Daes (Greece), Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

Election of Rapporteur

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Dhjamel Moktefi (Algeria), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement and proposed, on behalf of the Bureau, a suggested programme of work for the Fifth Committee.

Statements concerning the proposed programme of work were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Cuba, Slovakia, Mexico and Egypt.

The Chairman of the Committee, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Controller made statements in response to questions raised during the discussion.

The Chairman announced that a detailed programme of work as approved, which would also take into account the comments made, and a list of documents before the Committee would be issued in all the official languages, would be available in time for the Committee's next meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 30 September, at 3 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea-Bissau
H.E. Mr. Alfredo Lopes Cabral

Asian States:
Syrian Arab Republic
H.E. Mr. Mikhail Wehbe

Eastern European States:
Armenia
Mr. Movses Abelian
Chargé d'Affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Uruguay
H.E. Mr. Jorge Pérez-Otermin

Western European and Other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fritsche

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Film

The Bureau for Programme and Policy Support of the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a presentation and discussion of the film "Amazon Journal" by Producer and Director Geoffrey O'Connor, on Thursday, 25 September 1997, at 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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